



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Pease:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the advisability and effectiveness of imposing a boycott on Ugandan coffee.

Mr. Moose's reply to your comprehensive and thoughtful questionnaire reflects my own views on the problems that a boycott would raise. That said, I also share your strong feeling that the United States should effectively demonstrate its revulsion with the policies and actions of Idi Amin.

I am not sure that considerations of consistency with our general policy of opposition to political boycotts against trade (e.g. Arab measures against Israel) can be reconciled with the desirability of taking concrete U.S. action against a manifestly inhumane regime. However I appreciate your deep concern and would welcome continued discussion with you on this problem.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
Don J. Pease,
House of Representatives.

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